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Annual Reminder from the Senate

UNIVERSITY COMMITTEON EDUCATIONAL POLICY: ANNUAL REMINDER ABOUT THREATS TO ACADEMIC INTEGRITY AND INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY

This is a reminder from the University Committee on Educational Policy (UCEP) to all UC faculty to be vigilant about the threats to academic integrity and intellectual property posed by online services where students share copyrighted course materials and pay third parties for completing students' assignments, papers, and exams.

Posting of instructor-owned course materials to third-party websites without the instructor's permission is especially problematic because it may at once violate intellectual property rights, provide opportunities for students to cheat, and financially enrich these third-party online services. In an effort to mitigate these risks, we recommend several measures:



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- (1) remind students of the specific actions that constitute violations of academic integrity and intellectual property policies and of the serious consequences of committing such violations. This can be done through statements in course syllabi and announcements in class meetings at the beginning of each quarter or semester.
- (2) include a copyright notice on your course materials. For some guidance on copyright notices, please see the following link: <https://copyright.universityofcalifornia.edu/faqs/#h>.
- (3) include the following sentence in your course materials in the header or footer of course materials: "This content is protected and may not be shared, uploaded, or distributed." One online service, Course Hero, has indicated that its filtering tool will generally prohibit the upload of documents that contain this statement.
- (4) define whether the use of Generative Artificial Intelligence (GenAI) tools is acceptable. And, if so, articulate what type of use is acceptable (e.g., are they allowed to share your course materials?). The syllabus should notify students if they are required to acknowledge use of GenAI in their coursework.

UCOP has issued similar guidance regarding the unauthorized uploading of course materials; such guidance may be found here: <https://copyright.universityofcalifornia.edu/ownership/protect-coursematerials.html>. In addition, each campus has its own policies and procedures related to violations of academic integrity, and faculty should make sure they are fully aware of the most up-to-date information on this topic. The UCOP webpage referenced in this paragraph includes a drop-down menu titled "UC Resources," which includes links to further information about policies and resources on each campus.







UCEP recognizes there are no easy solutions to the unauthorized posting of course materials onto third party websites and that dealing with these issues adds yet another item to a faculty member's long list of responsibilities. The measures referenced in this memo are, however, relatively straightforward and not unduly onerous, especially given the seriousness and importance of the concerns they address.

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Source: https://senate.universityofcalifornia.edu/_files/reports/ac-senate-divisions-recommendations-academic-integrity-10-1-24.pdf.

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Saturday, November 2, 2024

Another protest report

From the [LA Times](#): *A draft report to the Los Angeles Police Commission released Friday cited a lack of coordination between UCLA, the LAPD and the California Highway Patrol and smaller municipal police agencies that were hastily called to campus in the spring.*

UCLA, which has its own police force, had distanced itself from relying on the LAPD in the wake of Black Lives Matter protests four years ago, a practice that contributed to the poorly coordinated response, the report suggested. Some arriving teams of officers did not even know their way around the sprawling campus and were subjected to conflicting orders about what to do as the melee unfolded for hours in front of them the night of April 30.

The LAPD should take the lead on campus law enforcement ahead of future "large scale events" if university staffing isn't adequate, the report said.

The report to the commission, the civilian agency tasked with LAPD oversight, came on the heels of a congressional probe that pilloried the university for allowing antisemitism to foment on campus during pro-Palestinian protests...









Full story at <https://www.latimes.com/california/story/2024-11-01/ucla-usc-encampments-police-commission-reports>.

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Note: The Police Commission report is at: https://www.lapdpolicecom.lacity.org/110524/BPC_24-285.pdf.

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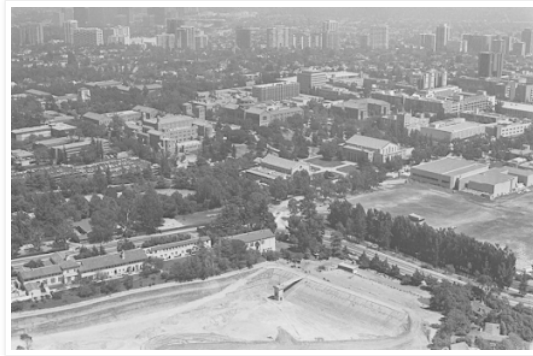
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♪Take Us Out of the Ball Game♪ - Part 6 (play ball - for now)

From the [LA Times](#): *The UCLA baseball team was cleared to resume using its baseball stadium at noon Tuesday after a judge temporarily lifted an order barring the team from the stadium on the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs' West Los Angeles campus.*

U.S. District Judge David O. Carter entered an order Monday restoring UCLA's access to Jackie Robinson Stadium through July 4, allowing the team to complete its coming season. After that, the stadium will face an uncertain fate...

Full story at <https://www.latimes.com/california/story/2024-10-29/judge-allows-ucla-baseball-team-to-return-to-jackie-robinson-stadium>.



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Friday, November 1, 2024

House Report

The House Committee on Education and the Workforce issued its report on last year's protests. There is considerable material on UCLA, Columbia, and other universities. From [Inside Higher Ed](#):

House Republicans lambasted private elite colleges and some state flagship universities for how they've handled pro-Palestinian protests in a new report in which they argue that antisemitism has engulfed college campuses and administrators prioritized "terrorist sympathizers" over the Jewish community.

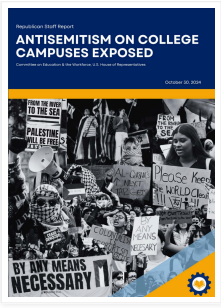
In the scathing 325-page report released Thursday, Republicans on House Education and Workforce Committee detailed the findings of their yearlong investigation into antisemitism at 11 colleges. Most of the findings reiterated many of the same points they've been making publicly since Hamas's attack on Israel on Oct. 7, 2023.







Jon Fansmith, senior vice president for government relations and national engagement at the American Council on Education, said the report is a “wholly partisan effort” that wasted a significant chance for productive analysis...

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*The report is at:

https://edworkforce.house.gov/uploadedfiles/10.30.24_committee_on_education_and_the_workforce_republican_staff_report_-_antisemitism_on_college_campuses_exposed.pdf.



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Cramming them in



Two from the [San Diego Union-Tribune](#): *UC San Diego, already struggling to handle years of explosive growth, saw enrollment leap by nearly 1,900 this fall, pushing its headcount to a record 45,273...*

The La Jolla campus also experienced a 270-student increase in its so-called self-supporting graduate program, whose participants do not receive financial help from the state. UCSD now has 1,436 self-supporting students, part of a systemwide program that annually generates hundreds of millions of dollars for the UC.

The preliminary fall enrollment numbers typically drop a little later in the year, after the UC refines its early headcount.

The new figures don't reflect how the school intended for things to turn out when it published a long-range plan back in 2018. Enrollment was then expected to top out at 42,400, and not until 2035...

Full story at <https://www.sandiegouniontribune.com/2024/10/18/uc-san-diego-bursting-at-seams-as-enrollment-soars-to-record-45273/>.






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...In interviews with about 30 students, many told The San Diego Union-Tribune the school is so obsessed with raising enrollment and polishing its reputation that it pays insufficient attention to the social side of the college experience. The university often communicates in a chilly, impersonal voice, they said, which leads them to tune out rather than engage, making building a sense of community harder.

“Chancellor (Pradeep) Khosla wants students to survive with the bare minimum,” said Adalia Luo, editor of The Guardian, the campus newspaper. “Eat, drink, some housing and pretty much nothing else.”

Engineering student Charlotte Dong likes her classes and research — the vibe less so. “Sometimes I feel like this campus is soulless...” she said. “I’m a fourth year student and I just got my first (school T-shirt).” ...

Full story at <https://www.sandiegouniontribune.com/2024/10/20/isolating-and-soulless-how-ucsd-breakneck-growth-is-alienating-some-of-its-students/>.

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